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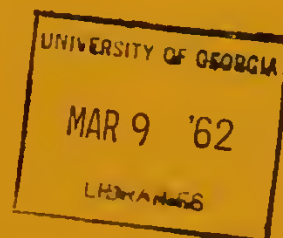
From the mountains to the sea, Georgia offers a wide variety of opportunities for rest, relaxation and fun. Its geography and climate permit summer resorts in the Blue Ridge mountains of the north and year-round resorts on the Golden Isles along the Atlantic coast. Picturesque scenery, historic sites and excellent accommodations make travel a pleasure throughout the State.

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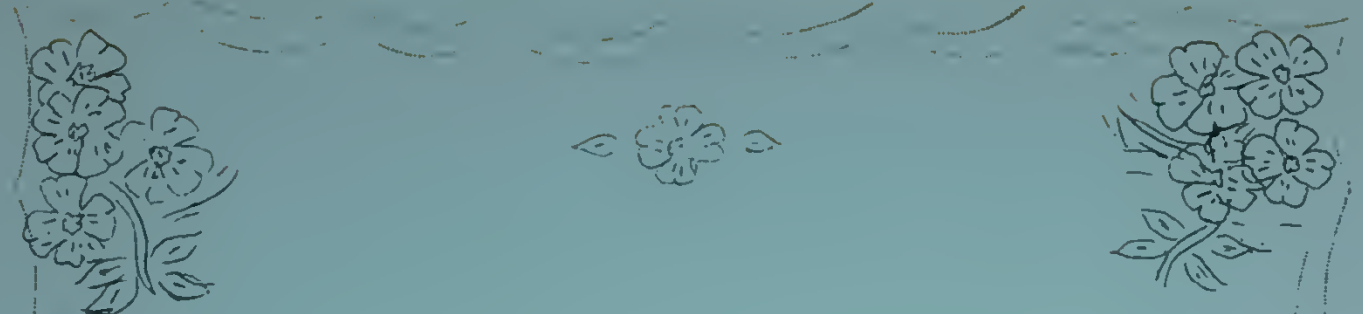


GEORGIA'S STATE PARKS



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APRIL IS THE TIME TO DEDICATE OUR WORK. AS
THOMAS CARLYLE SAID, "ALL WORK IS AS SEED SOWN.
IT GROWS AND SPREADS AND SOWS ITSELF ANEW".

WHAT BETTER TIME TO LOOK AT OUR WORK AND SEE IF
WE ARE DOING THE BEST JOB THAT WE KNOW HOW.

OUR STATE PARKS ARE A PERFECT SAMPLE OF GOD'S
CREATED BEAUTY. THE PERSONNEL OF OUR DEPART-
MENT ARE THE KEEPERS OF THESE RESOURCES. NOT
ONLY ARE WE GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CON-
SERVATION OF THE LAND AND WILDLIFE, BUT FOR THE
CONSERVATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

OUR WORK SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION TO LEARN AND TO
WORK TO BUILD THE BEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL PARKS
THAT WE CAN IMAGINE.





The American Camping Association

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LEADERSHIP

The National Committee develops leadership training course outlines, and encourages steady improvement in both the quality and quantity of college camping courses.

CONVENTIONS

National Conventions are held bi-ennially, in even-numbered years, seven Regional Conventions are held in intervening years.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops on the national level, devoted to some phase of camping or program, are held yearly. Reports resulting from workshops very often take the form of new publications.

CAMP STANDARDS

Constant attention is devoted to the problem of improving camping practices through the Standards Committee. Standards were adopted in 1948, a program of implementation was initiated in 1952. The American Camping Association believes that children must be protected in camps, that camps must meet certain standards in vital areas, that it is better for the camping profession to establish its own standards and help its members attain them rather than wait for legislative action.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Committees are organized on both national and local levels to familiarize the public with values inherent in camping, to interpret camping to related groups and to the public; and to acquaint the public with the importance of good camping practices.

PROGRAM SERVICES

This National Committee is constantly working to help members improve their camp programs, ideas and techniques are incorporated in CAMPING MAGAZINE and periodic bulletins and publications.

STUDIES AND RESEARCH

An active committee works to encourage graduate research, assist students, compile data, review studies, and acquaint members with recent developments in the area of studies and research.

COUNSELOR PLACEMENT

Many of the local Sections assist camps in finding staff members and prospective counselors to obtain positions.

CAMPER REFERRAL

Assistance is given to parents seeking the right camp for their children.

CONSULTANT SERVICES

A number of local Sections are organized to help camp directors and owners with problems of camp development, maintenance program, public relations, promotion ethics, standards, etc.

FORT YARGO

Submitted by W. S. Fricks, Supt.

At Fort Yargo we have been working on our group camp. A new shower has been installed. Hope to get the new cabinets in kitchen next week.

We hope to have our picnic shelters erected during the month of April. We will have a nice picnic area for this coming season with a new parking area near by. (If we get it graveled)

The lawn is looking good now at the old Fort.

STEPHEN C. FOSTER

Submitted by George Sirmans, Mgr.

We have just completed a road into a three-acre undeveloped camping site, we hope this will take some of the load off our more developed camp site in the park.

The North Georgia Council of Boy Scouts of America are camping on Billy's Island which is in the park's jurisdiction. There is approximately 600 boys camping here during a two-week period.

Billy's Island is located 7 miles in the Interior of the Okefenokee Swamp, and is also near the headwaters of the Suwannee river. The island consists of 3,100 acres, which is covered in slash and loblolly pine and also masses of southern palmetto.

Originally, Billy's Island was the stronghold of a tribe of the fierce Seminole Indian Nation, these Indians were driven from the swamp in 1838.

In more recent years, there was a logging village located on the Island, (around 1915 to 1930) where

lived more than 800 people, there was a school, a church, a two story hotel and a movie theater, and what remains of this now, is only a part of an old steam engine which was junked while the logging operation was in progress.

LAURA S. WALKER

Submitted by C. H. Morgan, Supt.

We are installing a new drainage system also a new pier or dock in the lake.

Our new picnic shed is very popular--even with the bad weather--it stays reserved.

Trailer camping has been fine this month and with that new price, shows up well in the weekly report.

A new drainage field has been completed but it seems like we will have to put in new sewage system to cure everything.

The men are all set to start on the termites, also the mosquitoes are getting bad and we are going to try our new fogging machine this week.

The kitchen and dining room has been painted on the inside. The floor has been varnished and waxed. We are now painting the bathhouse.

The most popular item at this park is the new pay telephone on the outside.

Am still a bit wobbly but gaining strength, see you in April, I hope.

CROOKED RIVER

Submitted by M. K. DeLoach, Supt.

Fifteen new wooden picnic tables have been received, assembled and stained, awaiting new picnic shelter. 6 tables are to be placed in the old shelter. All new shower stalls received and being installed in cabins.

Repairs have been finished on boat ramp.

New International Harvester Tractor and mower received and put in use. Underbrush at entrance of park is being cut and cleared away to give a clearer view of park as guests arrive.

The park will officially open on Saturday, April 29, 1961. Already an increase in tent and trailer camping has been noted for the season, and it is expected the season of 1961 will be the largest yet.

Reservations for Boat Club cruises from Jacksonville, Florida, etc. have come in for the coming year.

LITTLE OCMULGEE

Submitted by Lee Willcox, Supt.

The new camping area in Little Ocmulgee State Park is progressing and we hope it will be finished by the first of the summer. We are having quite a few trailer campers going from Florida back North.

A hot water heater has been installed at the Group Camp site. We have had a number of motor boats on the lake and some fishing.

We have a new storage building almost finished. The grounds of the park are being cleaned and gotten in shape for the summer season.

We had a Cub Scout meeting with about 100 attending last week.

BLACK ROCK MOUNTAIN

Submitted by J. L. Christian, Supt.

We have just completed laying an 1,800 foot water main to our new tent camping area. Have also erected two aluminum comfort stations in the area. We received 16 new wooden picnic tables last week from the shop. We will also complete our rock walls, before the end of the month, at the picnic area on Germany Road.

BAINBRIDGE

Submitted by Harry O. Shealy, Supt.

The past month has been spent in fertilizing and seeding the grass slopes in this park. The green looks as fresh and new as the United States and Georgia Flags that replaced the old tattered ones.

This park is ready for the annual deluge of picnicking parties and boating parties -- from S. W. Georgia, S. E. Alabama, and N. W. Florida. It serves all three states equally well.

INDIAN SPRINGS

Submitted by W. R. Anderson, Supt.

We have had two beautiful weekends during the month of March, with quite a few picnickers visiting our park. We opened the concession on these weekends.

We had the privilege and pleasure of having Mr. Struble as guest speaker at our Jackson Exchange Club on March 21, and at that time he presented Mr. C. B. Hamlin with a 20-year certificate of faithful service along with the pin.

We have had very few tent campers so far, but have had correspondence from a number of people enquiring about tenting facilities.

ELIJAH CLARK

Submitted by J. F. Fortson, Supt.

Campers have already started coming to Elijah Clark. Fishermen and their families are enjoying weekend trips. Florida winter residents are stopping over on their way back to their homes. We are also having a good many Boy Scouts each weekend.

The concession building is being remodeled and repainted. The floor repaired; chairs reupholstered; kitchen enlarged and rewired. We are still hoping that work on a sewage system will be started at an early date.

Annual "Easter Sunrise Service" will be held at Elijah Clark on Easter morning. The Rev. Bremmel C. Kerr, Public Relations officer for the Methodist Children's Home, Decatur, Georgia will be guest speaker. Music will be furnished by the Lincolnton High School Band, and songs by the choirs from the three Lincolnton Churches. Approximately five hundred or more persons are expected to attend this service.

REIDSVILLE

Submitted by C. P. Flowers, Supt.

Reidsville State Park has received a new Ford pickup and a new 36 inch lawn mower.

Materials for a dock on the lake are on hand. The construction will begin within the next few days. We also have materials for another picnic shelter. These materials have been stained and are ready to be erected.

All woodwork on the filter house has had a paint job.

Power lines have been extended from the pool to the picnic shelter area.

The grounds are being mowed and readied for the spring season.

CHEHAW

Submitted by Earl Dawson, Supt.

We are happy to announce the completion of the office. The porch on the Superintendent's residence was converted into this office. It looks very nice.

A new picnic shelter has been erected. The last few days of spring weather have brought many people to Chehaw for picnicking.

Progress is being made on hiking trails.

FORT MOUNTAIN

Submitted by Tom Winkler

During the year of 1960-61, about 4 acres of underbrush, logs and limbs have been cleared for tent and trailer area. New 30 ft. flag staffs have been placed in all areas at Fort Mountain.

We have received 10 new 14 ft. fiberglass boats with oars; 54 cushion-type life preservers; 10 sanitary outdoor toilets; 1 new power saw; 40 concrete picnic tables and 10 wooden tables; 1 new jeep trailer; 1 lawn mower; 1 - 30 x 40 steel building and 2 new picnic shelters have been erected.

A new kitchen sink and cabinet; 2 new rugs; 1 new couch and a new chair have been purchased for the cabin, and a new rug has also been purchased for the superintendent's residence.

AMICALOLA FALLS

Submitted by E. C. Collins, Supt.

Will have much improved camping facilities this summer; 7 new camp sites will be completed which will include water, tent mounds, tables and outdoor toilets.

16 camp sites have been started which will also include the facilities mentioned above. We know that everyone will enjoy camping at Amicalola Falls in '61.

A. H. STEPHENS

Submitted by T. E. Darden, Supt.

A new steel building has been erected and ten (10) new concrete picnic tables have been set up. A new picnic shelter with five new tables has been completed at the tent camping area.

A new Garland range with hood and exhaust fan has been installed in the Group Camp kitchen.

All rest rooms in Group Camp have been freshly painted. Showers have been installed in the bathhouse at the tent camping area. This bathhouse has been painted also. All wooden tables at barbeque pit have been painted. We have received 10 new beds for the Group Camp, and the Group Camp dining hall floor has been freshly painted. All screen windows in the Group Camp have been repaired. We are in the process of getting the camp ready for campers.

The Continental Car Company of Augusta is sponsoring a field day for the FFA Chapters in this area here at Stephens Park. Classes in different phases of Forestry will be taught, and there will be a weiner roast at noon.

VOGEL
Submitted by Bonnell Akins, Mgr.

We are planning to officially open April 1, Spring cleaning will begin prior to that time, weather permitting. Reservations are coming in at a better rate than ever and we are expecting a good summer. We are hoping all major repairs will have been completed prior to opening date.

RED TOP MOUNTAIN
Submitted by W. D. Clark, Supt.

The high water which had covered Red Top Mountain and George Washington Carver's beaches, picnic areas, and parking lots has returned to normal.

Red Top Mountain has three deer. One white Virginia deer and two white-tail Georgia deer.

We were happy to see Mr. Collier out again. He visited Red Top Mountain and George Washington Carver March 24.

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CAMP-OPERATED REGISTRY

Assistant Regional Director Herb Maier, Region 4, National Park Service, San Francisco reports a unique campground registry board he saw recently in the Inyo National Forest.

Located at the single entrance and exit of each campground in such a position that the driver can't miss it--in fact, he halts his car right in front of it before entering the campground--the registry board allows him to see at a glance those campsites vacant and available, their location and how to reach them.

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INDIAN FOLK SAYING

In beauty I walk,
With beauty before me I walk,
With beauty behind me I walk,
With beauty above me I walk.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS OF SPORTSMANSHIP

Thou shalt finish the game thou beginnest.
Thou shalt take losses without excuses.
Thou shalt be humble in victory.
Thou shalt honor the referee or umpire.
Thou shalt share the glory of winning with thy teammates.
Thou shalt be willing to give thine opponent every advantage thou askest.
Thou shalt play for the sake of the game and the joy of playing.
Thou shalt do team work unselfishly.
Thou shalt honor the game.

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Mountaineer: "My boy's after larning; what d'ya have?"
Teacher: "We offer English, trigonometry, spelling, music appreciation...."
Mountaineer: "Wal, give him some of thet thar trigonometry; he's the worst shot in the family."

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GEORGIA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
GEORGIA DISTRICT - AMERICAN CAMPING
ASSOCIATION

HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK
April 14-16, 1961

FRIDAY - Registration -
Early arrivals - fishing, hiking, etc.
Lowering of colors - University of
Georgia Camping Class
Dinner
Small Group Discussions - College
Credit for Camp Counselors - Dr.
Frances Hall, Prof. of Physical
Education, Florida State University
Camp Management - Mr. Nate Loshak,
Jewish Welfare Board
Waterfront Problems - Harry A.
Kenning, First Aid and Water Safety
Representative, American Red Cross
General Session - Introduction of
Speaker - Dr. Tully Pennington,
Georgia Southern College
Keynote Speaker - Dr. E. L. Palmer,
Ithaca, New York
Informal Singing - Marty Kurtz, Con-
charty Council, Girl Scouts of USA

SATURDAY - Raise Colors - University
of Georgia Camping Class
Breakfast
Skill Sessions - Creative Drama -
Mrs. Helen Greenbaum, Dramatics
Director, Jewish Community Center
Campcraft - Edie Klein, Program
Director, Jewish Community Center
Nature Crafts - Roslyn Brock, Nature
Crafts Counselor
Indian Lore - Joe Mahan, Museum of
Arts and Crafts, Columbus, Georgia
Square Dance - Harry Popkin, Dir.
Blue Star Camps
Camp Music - Marty Kurtz, Girl Scouts
of USA
Nature in the Camp Program - Dr.
Tully Pennington, Georgia Southern
College
Sociological Implications for today's
Camps - Dr. Raymond Payne
Lunch
Skill Sessions (A repeat of morning
skill sessions)

SUNDAY - Breakfast - Business Meeting
Worship Service - Dinner - Depart

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FAMILY CAMPING WORKSHOP

HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK
April 21-23, 1961

FRIDAY - Registration
Movies - National Parks and other
points of interest to camping
families - Miss Barbara Rankin -
Department of State Parks

SATURDAY - Registration and setting
up camp
Jr. Skill Sessions - Miss Robin
Jackson and Miss Dorothy Yarbrough
Atlanta Recreation Department
Introduction to Family Camping -
Dr. Hugh Masters, University of
Georgia
Skill Groups - Helpful hints on
living in the out-of-doors - Miss
Edie Klein, ACA Instructor
Cooking in the out-of-doors - Miss
Margaret Stanion, ACA Instructor
Camping is Conservation - Ga. Game
and Fish Commission - Ga. Forestry
Commission - National Park Service
Health and Safety is a part of
Camping - Atlanta Chapter of the
American Red Cross
Exhibition of camping and equipment
and written material
Dinner, Rest Period, and Visiting
Recreation for families - Mrs.
Lucille Bailey, Atlanta Recreation
Department
Campfire Program - Mr. William L.
Featherstone, Dept. of Interior,
Richmond, Virginia, National Park
Service

SUNDAY - Bird Watch - Breakfast -
Sunday Worship Services - Georgia
Appalachian Trail Club - Nature
Program - Mr. William L. Feather-
stone, National Park Service
Lunch - Pack up - Depart

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CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

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FOR RELEASE SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 1961

WASHINGTON, D.C. ----- South Carolina's Charleston, the city that echoed in 1861 with the first hostile firing of the Civil War, will present an authentic background both in scenery and costumes when the fourth national assembly of the Centennial Commission is held there April 11-12.

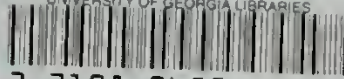
The atmosphere of the Civil War era will be noticeable on all sides -- and all of it will be by way of welcome. Many male residents will wear beards, the hirsute adornments so reminiscent of the period. Hostesses will be gowned in the flowing dresses of the Sixties. Citadel cadets, manning the batteries that sounded notes of defense there 100 years ago, will be dressed in authentic Confederate uniforms. And as a final fillip, the outburst of cannon fire that Beauregard's troops poured on Fort Sumter will be reenacted with pyrotechnics and not the fireworks of warfare.

Karl S. Betts, executive director of the National Commission, predicts the meeting will be the most important pertaining to the Civil War held in the last Century.

"Here for the first time," he said, "we will have an opportunity to assess ourselves on a basis of performance. By that time several of our more important opening ceremonies will have taken place, and our speakers will be expected to point out to us what lies ahead and how to improve our programs."

As a special highlight of the program, Postmaster General J. Edward Day and some of his deputies will be on hand to present to the American public for the first time the Fort Sumter commemorative stamp to be issued in memory of the occasion. This stamp will go on sale on April 12 at the main post office in Charleston.

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